

Docket No. F-7322

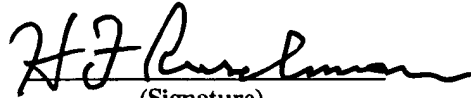
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Thomas NIEHR, et al.
Serial No. : 10/089,271
Filed : September 3, 2002
For : METHOD FOR STERILIZING PET BOTTLES
Group Art Unit : 1744
Examiner : Monzer R. Chorbaji
Confirmation No. : 5161
Customer No. : 000028107

Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 17, 2004.

Herbert F. Ruschmann
(Name)


(Signature)

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: